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1. JSW) Met with Senator Henry M. Jackson
and filled him in on the high points of the Director's briefing of the CIA
Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Appropriations yesterday.
Senator Jackson was most appreciative and said he would be away for
about two weeks but was available if we needed him.
2. JSW) Talked with Mr. Robert Michaels, House
Appropriations Committee staff, and returned to him the ARPA item which
he had given to us last week. I indicated that we had learned of this matter
some time back but only by accident. I said in all honesty I would not state
that this was a matter that had been coordinated with all appropriate agencies
and requested that he protect us on this appropriately.
Talked with Mr. Michaels about the AID matter involving the request
by the Passman Subcommittee for information on CIA programs in South
Vietnam. He indicated that he would check the transcript when it has been
returned to the Committee and thought we could work this out with Frank
Merrill, the clerk for the Passman Subcommittee.
3. JSW) Talked with William Woodruff, Senate
Appropriations Committee staff, and gave him additional information on the
Middle East situation which he had requested yesterday.
4. GLC) Representative Roman C. Pucinski visited the Agency
for breakfast with the Director. Also present from the Agency were: Messrs.
FitzGerald, Meyer, Broe . The purpose of Mr. Pucinski's visit was
to discuss the future of organizations which have in the past been sponsored
by the Agency particularly Radio Free Europe and Radio Free Cuba. Pucinski
appeared to be in full accord with the action that was being taken although he
regretted that the Agency had been forced out of these programs. He offered
to assist in this matter in any way he could. The Director assured him we
would keep him informed and might well request his assistance as the situation
crystalized further.